



What's on this week 10 Term 1

Week 10
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Monday: 30.03.15
Newsletter
Student Banking
Literacy & Maths Groups - Talise, Lee
Tuesday: 31.03.15
Literacy & Maths Groups - Talise, Lee
Wednesday: 01.04.15
Literacy & Maths Groups - Julie, Nikki
LD Library - return books only
Thursday: 02.04.15
Literacy & Maths Groups - Julie, Nikki
Easter Hat Parade- Open Day
UD Library - return books only
Canteen - NO Canteen
Friday: 03.04.15
Good Friday
Term 2 Holidays
School resumes on Tuesday 21st April 2015

Week 1 Term 2
Monday: 20.04.15
Staff Development Day
Tuesday: 21.04.15
Literacy & Maths Groups - Talise, Lee
Wednesday: 22.04.15
Literacy & Maths Groups - Lee, Nikki
LD Library -
Thursday: 23.04.15
Literacy & Maths Groups - Lee, Nikki
UD Library
Canteen - ???
9.00am Anzac Ceremony
Friday: 24.04.15
Zone Cross Country - Wingham-
Selected Students

End of Term 1
Students return to school on Tuesday 21st April 2015.
Term 1, 2015 finishes this Thursday! What a fantastic term it has been!
I congratulate all the children on their behaviour, enthusiasm and progress in all learning areas.
I would like to congratulate our three kindergarten students who have all adapted well to 'big school' and have already developed many new skills, especially, through the Jolly Phonics program.
I would like to thank the parents and staff for their efforts! I wish everyone a happy holiday and know we will all re-freshed to achieve even greater things in term two.

Election Day Cake Stall
Thank you Lee-Anne and all those who made cakes and/or worked on the cake stall at the election. The P&C raised an amazing \$380! Congratulations to all involved!

Zone Cross Country Carnival
The commitment to Cross Country training in 2015 has been outstanding. It is likely we will send our largest cross country team ever. The carnival will be held on Friday 24th April. This is in the first week back.

It is important that all students who are competing in the carnival continue training during the school holidays. It would be in each competitors interest to run the full race distance, at least twice, over the holidays.

Distances: 8, 9 and 10 year old	2km
11 and 12 year old	3km

A permission note will be attached to this Monday Messenger.

Centenary of ANZAC Day Ceremony
We will be held our ANZAC day ceremony on Thursday 23rd April. Commencing at 9.00am. We would like to invite all community members to this event. This being the hundredth anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, we believe that it s important that as many families as possible are represented at the commeration.

SRC Easter Raffle
The SRC is holding an Easter Egg Raffle to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell.
This raffle will be drawn this Thursday at our Open Day/ Easter Parade.
All raffle tickets sold or unsold need to be return by Wednesday 1st April.
Thanks to all parents who have kindly donated eggs.

Nail Polish, Stick on Tattoos and Costume Jewellery

Consistent with the dress code of all public primary schools in NSW students are not to wear stick-on tattoos, nail polish or costume jewellery, including, bracelets, anklets and necklaces to school. Children are permitted to wear signet rings and plain studs or sleepers.

Term One Open Day

On the last day of term **Thursday 2nd April 2015** parents are invited to our open day.

Schedule

- 8.30 Normal Classes**
- 10.30 Morning Tea-**
Canteen will provide Coffee/ Tea and cake for \$4.00
(please return slip below with the \$4.00, all vouchers purchase can be picked up from the office on Thursday)
- 11.00 Upper Division Presents- PREZZIES**
During Library time, as part of the HSIE unit on communities, stage 2/3 students have been researching community organisation. With the support of Rod Dransfield and Mrs Carpenter, the children have developed multi-modal presentations that they will share with you.
- 12.00 Jump Rope For Heart demonstration**
- 12.30 Easter Hat Parade**
- 12.50 Stage 3/ Parents Softball Match**
- 1.30 Easter Egg Hunt (For participants in the hat parade) & SRC Easter Raffle.**

Lower Division Transport Excursion

As part of our Term 2 'Transport' unit of work, students from Lower Division will be going on an excursion to Newcastle. During the day students will be exposed to a range of different forms of transport including a train and ferry ride. They will also visit the Williamtown Fighter World Airbase and the Newcastle Maritime Centre. The excursion will be held on Tuesday 19th (term2 week 5) and the approximate cost of the day at this stage will be \$20.00 per child. P & C will help in subsidising the cost.

Permission notes for the day will sent out in Term 2 week 3

Kookaburra Kids

Rehearsals for our upcoming musical are well underway and I must say that I have been very impressed with how serious everyone has taken their roles and responsibilities. As Term 2 quickly approaches, it is time that we acquire certain stage and character props that people may *already* have at home. Please note there is no need to buy anything new for the musical at this stage. If you have any of the following props at home that could be possibly used in the musical could you bring them into school as soon as possible clearly marked with student/ family name. Props will be kept safely in the old canteen until the show begins.

Thank you!

Miss Crozier

Prop list:

Old digital camera, 4 Backpacks (school backpacks), 1 large suitcase, 5 Old mobile phones (non-working)
Old rusty bike, helmet, cane basket, Paper plates, plastic cutlery, serviettes, noisy old vacuum cleaner, Handheld GPS (does not have to be working), 5 sleeping bags, swag.

Play Group

Mount George PS has a play group. I think a play group would be a worthwhile addition to the life of Bungwahl PS. We have many resources that would support such a group. All pre-schoolers would be welcome. Of course, this is not a pre-school or child minding service but a group for parents and children.

To have the playgroup, at school, creates many learning opportunities for the pre-school children.

It would, also, expose parents of pre-school children to the programs, culture and opportunities to be found at Bungwahl PS.

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a

sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.



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I will be, informally, discussing with parents of pre-school students the viability of such a program.



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Marine Discovery Series Talk – Great White Shark



You are invited to a **FREE Marine Discovery Series talk on the Great White Shark**

The CSIRO's Barry Bruce, Australia's foremost expert on the Great White Shark, will talk about juvenile sharks and their nursery areas off Australia's east coast. Learn about the biology, habitat, movement patterns and behaviour of this fascinating animal.

Bookings essential – places limited.



Tuesday, 14 April

6.30pm

Cape Hawke Surf Life Saving Club,
One Mile Beach, Forster

Bookings:

Call Great Lakes Council
on 6591 7222.

Wednesday, 15 April

6pm for 6.15pm start

Blacksmiths Beach Surf Life Saving
Club, off Ungala Road, Blacksmiths

Bookings:

Call Lake Macquarie City Council
on 4921 0333.

Thursday, 16 April

Central Coast - Venue to be advised

Bookings:

Call Kate Smellie at the Central
Coast Marine Discovery Centre
on 4349 4756.





Manning Zone P.S.S.A
Zone Cross Country Information

Dear Parents,

Due to your child's outstanding effort during Term 1 he/she has been selected to represent the school at the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Date: Friday 24th April 2015
Venue: Wingham Sporting Complex.
Time: Arrive 10.00- Proceedings commence 10.30am

Transport & Supervision:

Parents will need to arrange transport for their own children. Mr Kelly will be attending and if necessary, will be able to supply transport for up to 4 children.

Food & Drink:

There will be a canteen operating; children will need to have plenty of water.

Dress:

Boys- Green sport shorts and school sports team shirt (supplied by the school)
Girls- Green sport shorts or bike pants and school sports team shirt (supplied by the school)

Obviously, all competitors must wear enclosed shoes.

Please return the permission slip by Wednesday 22nd April.

Manning Zone Cross Country

I _____ give my child _____
permission to participate in the Manning Zone P.S.S.A. Cross Country Carnival to be held at Wingham Sporting Complex commencing at 10.30am on Friday 24th April 2015

- I will be taking my child to the Cross Country Carnival.
- I have arranged for _____ to take my child to the Cross Country Carnival.
- I require Mr Kelly to arrange transport for my child to attend the Cross Country Carnival.

Signed _____



Open Day Canteen Voucher

I would like to purchase _____ canteen vouchers at a cost \$4.00 each. Which entitles me to a coffee and cake.

Payment must be made before voucher is handed out.

Name: _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____